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1. MRS. CARTER AND PARTY ARRIVED AT THE RECIFE MILITARY AIRPORT AT ABOUT 12:00 NOON ON JUNE 8 IN CLEARING SKIES AFTER AN EARLY MORNING RAINFALL. AFTER BEING RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR, MRS CARTER GAVE A SHORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT EXPRESSING HER PLEASURE AT RETURNING TO RECIFE, HER PERSONAL AFFECTION FOR BRAZIL AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GEORGIA-PERNAMBUCO EXCHANGE PROGRAM. SHE EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH THE VISIT PROGRAMMED FOR THE AFTERNOON TO A LOW COST HOUSING PROGRAM, EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO HELP NOT ONLY THE POOR COUNTRIES BUT ALSO THE POOR IN ALL COUNTRIES. AFTER A WARM WELCOMING STATEMENT IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED COMMON GOALS WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNOR INTRODUCED MRS. CARTER AND PARTY TO PERNAMBUCO STATE AUTHORITIES. MRS. CARTER WAS THEN GREETED BY THE AMERICAN CONSUL AND HIS WIFE AND ABOUT 150 WAITING FRIENDS, MEMBERS OF THE PERNAMBUCO PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS AND REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE LIONS, ROTARY, RECIFE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, CONSULATE AND PEACE CORPS, PROJECT HOPE, BAPTIST MISSIONARIES AND THE AMERICAN CHAMBER

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OF COMMERCE OF RECIFE.

2. IN THE TERMINAL BUILDING BEFORE THE VISIT TO THE HOUSING PROJECT MRS. CARTER THANKED THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS PROMPT ACTION IN TAKING MEASURES TO SEEK A FAIR SOLUTION TO THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE DETENTION OF THE TWO AMERICAN CLERGYMEN. THE GOVERNOR REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THANKS SINCE PERNAMBUCO

WAS PLEASED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE STAY OF AMERICANS IN PERNAMBUCO PLEASANT AND SAFE.

3. MRS CARTER THEN VISITED THE CHILD DAY CARE CENTER TIO ZE LOCATED ABOUT 9 MILES FROM THE AIRPORT ALONGSIDE THE STATE LOW-COST HOUSING PROJECT CALLED MUTIR'AO IBURA. ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED FOR 45 MINUTES, MRS. CARTER SPENT ABOUT ONE HOUR AND TEN MINUTES VISITING WITH THE CHILDREN RANGING IN AGE FROM ONE MONTH TO SIX YEARS. SOME OF THE CHILDREN SANG SONGS FOR HER AND PRESENTED HER WITH A GIFT OF A DOLL. MOTHERS OF THESE CHILDREN PAY LESS THAN DOLS 4 PER MONTH INCLUDING MEALS.

4. MRS. CARTER VISITED HOUSE NUMBER 21 PROJECT MUTIO'AO IBURA OCCUPIED BY MANOEL ANTONIO DA SILVA (WIFE MARIA ALDA DE CONCECAO) WHO SAID THAT FOR 49 YEARS HE LIVED IN THE MUD BEFORE MOVING TO THIS HOUSING PROJECT. THE MODEST HOUSES THERE COST UNDER DOLS 1,000.

5. MANY PICTURES WERE TAKEN OF HER WITH THE POOR AND THE CHILDREN WHO SURROUNDED HER IN THE PROJECT. MRS. CARTER REMARKED TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO OTHERS THAT PROGRAMS LIKE THIS TO HELP THE POOR MEET THEIR HOUSING NEEDS WERE PART OF THE EFFORT TO GIVE PEOPLE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS.

6. MRS CARTER DEPARTED THE HOUSING PROJECT AT ABOUT 2:00 P.M. AFTER A BRIEF STOP AT THE HOME OF HER HOSTESS SHE ARRIVED AT THE CONSULATE AT ABOUT 3:00 P.M. FOR A MEETING WITH TWO AMERICAN CLERGYMEN WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY THE PERNAMBUCO POLICE AND DETAINED MAY 15-18 WITHOUT BEING PERMITTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNICATE WITH THE CONSULATE AND HELD UNDER SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS. SHE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRESS WITH THE CLERGYMEN ON LEAVING THE CONSULATE. SHE SAID TO THE PRESS THAT SHE HAD HEARD WITH SYMPATHY FROM THE CLERGYMEN ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES AND THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR DETENTION AND THAT SHE WOULD PASS THIS ON TO HER HUSBAND.

7. AT 3:40 P.M. MRS. CARTER DEPARTED THE CONSULATE FOR A TEA OFFERED BY HER HOSTESS AND ATTENDED BY A FEW PERSONAL FRIENDS, FRIENDS OF HER HOSTESS AND WIVES OF LOCAL OFFICIALS. THE TEA ENDED AT 5:00. AFTER A BRIEF REST MRS. CARTER MET WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE PERNAMBUCO PARTNERS FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES. AFTER 6:30 SHE HAD DINNER WITH HER HOSTESS AND PRIVATE TIME.

8. ON JUNE 9 MRS. CARTER DEPARTED THE HOME OF HER HOSTESS AT ABOUT 9:30 A.M. SAYING GOODBYES TO NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN AND CHILDREN FROM THE AMERICAN SCHOOL AS SHE WALKED TO HER CAR. AT THE AIRPORT FAREWELL THE GOVERNOR AND MRS. CARTER EXCHANGED GIFTS (MRS. CARTER GAVE A CRYSTAL FLOWER NATIVE TO GEORGIA

AND THE GOVERNOR GAVE A PRIMITIVE PAINTING BY ALCIDES SANTOS)

9. AT THE INITIATIVE OF MRS. CARTER SHE AND THE GOVERNOR
WITHDREW TO A SMALL ROOM WHERE THEY HELD A CONFIDENTIAL
CONVERSATION FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.

10. MEMBERS OF THE PERNAMBUCO PARTNERS WERE GATHERED OUTSIDE
THE TERMINAL BUILDING AND SAID THEIR GOODBYES TO MRS CARTER
ALONG WITH STATE OFFICIALS AND OTHER FRIENDS AS SHE WALKED TO
THE WAITING AIRPLANE. AS SHE WAVED FAREWELL AT THE TOP OF
THE STAIRS IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE PUBLIC, THE AUTHORITIES AND
THE PRESS HAD ALL FELT THE IMPACT OF MRS. CARTER'S PRESENCE
AND THAT SHE CONTINUES MORE THAN EVER IN THE HEARTS OF THE
PEOPLE HERE.
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